(a) whether it is a fact that ad-hoc recognition was accorded to some employees' associations of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in April-May '95, following adoption of CCS. (Recognition of Service Association) Rules, 1995, by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan;

(b) whether these associations have since fulfilled the conditions subject to which the said recognition was accorded; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons for the continuation of the said recognition?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMA1): (a) to (c) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (Recognition of Service Association) Regulations 1995, provide continuation of recognition of existing associations for a period of one year with effect from April 20, 1995. The period has since been extended by six months to complete the process of verification of membership strength of associations which have applied for recognition as per guidelines of Department of Personnel & Training.

News-item regarding bungling in Railway Ministry

*155. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Rs. 121 Cr. bungling in Railway Ministry" as reported in the 'Pioneer' of the 3rd June, 1996;

(b) if so, whether a panel of experts have urged Government to immediately scuttle a freight computerisation project;

(c) if so, whether Government have ordered probe into the scandal; and

(d) if so, by when the persons involved would be booked?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The Committee of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has, after undertaking a study Of the software of the Freight Operations Information System (FOIS) under trial in Delhi Area, submitted its report identifying the causes of the problems and deficiencies in the software and has made certain short-term and long-term recommendations so that a workable and useful system becomes available. The Committee has not suggested or implied any 'scuttling' or abandonment of the project nor has it imputed any motives to the officials concerned, which may Call for a probe, as has been reported in the news items. The report' is under consideration and necessary decisions would be taken shortly.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Externally Aided' Projects

* 156. SHRI SANATAN BIS1: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the externally aided.projects being presently implemented;

(b) the districts in which the aforesaid programmes are being implemented;

(c) the guidelines norms for the selection of such districts;

(d) whether any committee has been formed for evaluation of the result of these projects; and

(e) what are the details of the report, if any?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) The following major externally aided projects are presently being implemented by the Ministry of Human Resource Development:

S.No.	Name of the Scheme	Funding agency
1	District Primary Education Programme (DPEP)	World Bank and European Commission
2.	Bihar Education Project	UNICEF
3.	UP Basic Education Project	World Bank
4.	Shiksha Karmi Project	Swuuish International Development Agency (S1DA)
5.	Lok Jumbish, Rajasthan	SIDA
6.	Manila Samakhya	Govt, of Netherlands
7.	Technician Education Project	World Bank
8.	Regional Engineering Colleges- Overseas	Development Agency, UK.